

REMARKS

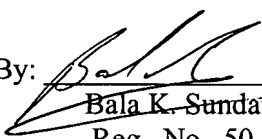
Claims 1, 2, and 8-15 are currently pending. Claims 1 and 12 are amended. The specification and the abstract are also amended. No new matter is presented. Applicants acknowledge the Examiner for indicating that claims 1, 2, and 8-15 contain allowable subject matter. In view of the above amendments and the following remarks, Applicants request the favorable consideration and allowance of claims 1, 2, and 8-15.

The specification is objected to for having abstract that is improper. The Examiner also indicates that the specification also contains informalities. In view of the Examiner's comments, the specification and the abstract are amended. Therefore, Applicants request the withdrawal of the objection to the specification.

Claims 1 and 12 are objected to for containing informalities. Claims 1 and 12 amended to overcome the cited objections. Therefore, Applicants request the withdrawal of the objection to claims 1 and 12.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the claims now clearly recite the patentable features of the present invention. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections and an issuance of a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner feel that a telephone conference with Applicant's attorney would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is urged to contact him at the number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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